# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2971
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
PHOTOGRAPHS OF INDIAN DEFENCE POSTS BY PAK SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT
JAI PRAKASH

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Pakistani pilotless aircraft for the last few months, are taking photographs of areas in Rajasthan along the Indo- Pak border and gathering information about the strategic and security arrangements made at border-based Indian Posts; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for tackling this situation?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2971 FOR 7.12.2000

(a) There are inputs about blinking objects flying near the International Border in Pakistan territoryopposite Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan. The Air HQrs has confirmed thatthere has been no report of any Pakistani aerial activities during the past few months in Rajasthan along the Indo-Pak border which may tantamount to air violations. No combat aircraft and unarmed transport aircraft including helicopters flew within 10 and 1 kms, respectively, from the border in Pakistani airspace.

(b) Constant vigil is maintained along the border and appropriate steps continue to be taken to protect our security interests.